

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A sheet transport mechanism, comprising:

a rotation roller;

~~a movable member~~ plurality of driven rollers which are arranged parallel to an axis of the rotation roller; and

a plurality of sheet transport guides, each guiding toward and/or away from the rotation roller, a sheet to be transported between the rotation roller and the ~~movable member~~ driven rollers, each of the sheet transport guides including a torsion coil spring an elastic member and having an arm portion which is connected to each of the driven rollers ~~movable member,~~

wherein each of the sheet transport guides ~~guide~~ applies elastic force to each of the driven rollers ~~movable member~~ so that each of the driven rollers ~~movable member~~ is elastically biased toward the rotation roller, and

each elastic force applied to each of the sheet transport guides is different from each other with distance from a predetermined reference position.

2-11. (Canceled)

12. (New) A sheet transport mechanism according to claim 1,

wherein the predetermined reference position is located in a central part of the shaft of the rotation roller.

13. (New) A sheet transport mechanism according to claim 1,
wherein the predetermined reference position is located in either one of opposite end
portions of the shaft of the rotation roller.